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- We want you! We need you! Join the Section of Addiction Medicine

Section of General Practice

Event
PEIP (Practical Evidence for Informed Practice) Conference

When: October 25-26
Where: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, West Edmonton
Details: This conference highlights focused reviews on clinically relevant primary care topics that combine evidence, experience, and patient values and is free of industry bias.

With two ways to participate (in-person or via live webcast), the conference is a fully accessible, multidisciplinary event that showcases relevant, evidence-based, and thought-provoking topics in health care.

This conference is led by the same team that brings you Tools for Practice.

For more information
Program Guide
To register
Questions: Email cpd@acfp.ca or visit the event website at http://bit.ly/2019PEIP

Thank you,
Dr. Darryl LaBuick, President
Section of General Practice

SGP Bulletin – August 14, 2019
Income Equity Implementation Delays – Family Physician Feedback

On July 8, I sent an SGP Bulletin asking for feedback regarding next steps the Section of General Practice should take to move income equity implementation forward. ...

AND
What’s in a name? Section of General Practice to become Section of Family Medicine

As we communicated earlier this year, we will be moving forward with a motion to change the name of the section from the Section of General Practice to the Section of Family Medicine at our SGP Annual Meeting in September 2019. ... more

Interpretation and management of genetic test results

*University of Saskatchewan resident research study*

Canadian literature has shown that practicing Canadian family physicians demonstrate knowledge gaps in the field of genetics, which translates to perceived difficulty managing genetic information. To date, few studies have investigated how family physicians perform at interpreting and managing genetic information.

Dr. Stephanie Skinner (University of Saskatchewan), Family Medicine R2, has created a 10-15 minute anonymous online survey to assess how family physicians perform at interpreting and managing basic genetic test results.

Survey participants can enter a **draw for one of two $75 Starbucks cards**.

Participate in the brief survey at [https://is.gd/genetic_survey](https://is.gd/genetic_survey)

Foundation course in Occupational Medicine

The [Foundation Course in Occupational Medicine](https://is.gd/foundation_course), developed by the University of Alberta - Division of Preventive Medicine, is a distance learning course designed to provide knowledge and skills in the areas of occupational medicine encountered in family medicine and other community-based clinical practice.

To be eligible to participate in the course, you must be a physician and licensed to practice in Canada.

**Prospective applicants (September 2019 – June 2020 course)** [Part A](https://is.gd/part_a) of the course involves 111 hours of instruction, including monthly tutorials and two, one-day workshops, in the fundamentals of recognizing and managing work-related disease and injury, fitness for work and the transition back into employment. The program is designed to be taken part-time and to be completed within 10 months.

This group learning program has been certified by the
Physicians of Canada for up to 111 Mainpro+ credits.

For more information:  
Visit Part A Course Information or email omcourse@ualberta.ca

Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Event Annual General Meeting – Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology

When: October 8  
Where: TBD (details to follow via email)  
Details: To follow; likely will include more information about ANDI and Income Equity Initiative (stay up-to-date, with the President’s Letter).

Section update Fetal Heart Monitoring
With the move to 3 cm/minute for Fetal Heart Monitoring in the province by the end of 2019, this is an exciting time, as we are hoping that all obstetrical providers will be talking the same language and perhaps we can avoid some of the poor obstetrical outcomes. Every provider has to do the eight-hour online course from UBC and pass the test and the small group sessions prior to the implementation date.

Negotiations 2020
Negotiations 2020 are underway and more details will be available, either in the President’s Letter or at our AGM, October 8.

AMA Physician Locum Services®
Are you a new graduate looking for more work? Please join the AMA Locum program as the regional centers are in desperate need of short- and long-term locums. The AMA staff is excellent at the arrangements.

Input welcome
The ASOG executive welcomes your input. Contact Dr. Duncan J. McCubbin with agenda additions. Please copy Dr. Martine Roy.

Section of Intensive Care

Event
32nd Annual Alberta Society of Intensive Care Physicians - Dr. Mark Heule Conference

When: January 24, 2020 - Section of Intensive Care AGM
January 24-25 - Dr. Mark Heule Conference

**Where:** TBD

**Details:** Program details to follow

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**Section of Generalists in Mental Health**

**Consider joining!**

When you renew your AMA membership, consider joining the [Section of Generalists in Mental Health](#).

Do you value having physician colleagues – whose services are covered financially – deliver ethical, quality care to your patients?

Does a significant portion of your practice focus on mental health concerns?

Do you value mental health care provided by physicians?

**OUR VISION:** "Quality Care Through Education, Collegiality & Fair Compensation."

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**Section of Addiction Medicine**

**We want you! We need you!** Join the [Section of Addiction Medicine](#).

It’s impossible to ignore the direct and indirect effect of addiction in our society.

**Membership renewal time is coming up!**

The AMA section of Addiction Medicine invites new members to join our dynamic section at renewal time.

Associate membership is available so that primary membership can be retained in another area. **Easily the lowest section fees at only $5.**

Stay tuned to *Save the Date* for our AGM and section executive elections.